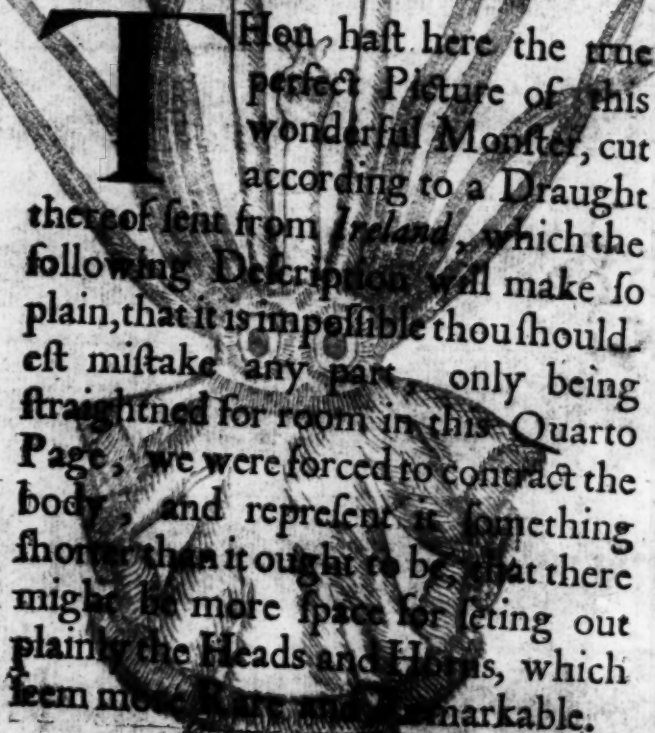




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Concise Reader,

**T**Hen hast here the true perfect Picture of this wonderful Monster, cut according to a Draught thereof sent from Ireland, which the following Description will make so plain, that it is impossible thou shouldst mistake any part, only being straightned for room in this Quarto Page, we were forced to contract the body, and represent it something shorter than it ought to be, that there might be more space for setting out plainly the Heads and Horns, which seem more Rare and remarkable.



A True and Perfect

R.D.

# ACCOUNT

Of the Miraculous

## SEA MONSTER.

Wonderful FISH

Lately taken in

## IRELAND:

*Bigger than an Ox, yet without Legs, Bones, Fins, or Scales; with two Heads, and ten Horns of 10 or 11 foot long, on eight of which Horns there grew knobs about the bigness of a Gloak-burton, in shape like Crowns or Coronets, to the number of 100 on each Horn, which were all to open, and had rows of Teeth within them: And in all other parts wonderful and unparallel.*

*Together with the manner how it first appeared and was taken at a place called Dinnelough, in the West of Ireland, and since brought to Dublin, to be shown publicly: and all other Material Circumstances relating thereunto.*

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*Faithfully Communicated by an Eye witness.*

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Full and True  
**ACCOUNT**  
OF THE

**Strange Monster:**

OR,

**Wonderful FISH**

Lately taken in Ireland, &c.

**W**Hence several Rumours and various reports have been spread abroad in Discreet persons concerning the strange Fish lately taken in Ireland, we having to very perfect and faithful Accounts and Description thereof, sent us sometime since in a Letter from a Credible person that was an Eye-witness of this monstrous sight, have thought fit, for our vailling report from the Misuse of Fiction, and preventing the detection of some imperfect Relations on the too oft abused World, to present the same plainly and truly to publique view, as a thing real and deservedly Admirable.

**O**n the third of October last past, at a place called Dingel Ichough, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ in the West of Ireland, one James Steward riding by the Sea-side, as the Tide was coming in, perceived at a distance something of a strange bigness to make towards the shore: At first he apprehended it might be some Horse that might have been caught away with the violence of the

Tide.

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True, and having recovered himself was now swimming to  
Land, but approaching nearer on a closer view, he was  
thunderly surprized & amazed, not so much at the Signes  
(which yet he found to exceed that of a Horse which he  
first took it for in the Body) as at the uncouth shape, and a  
number of strange Horns of great length, which rendered  
it not a little terrible to behold: Inasomuch that he durst  
not go nearer to it, least it should destroy both him and his  
Horse, wherefore rideing off, he went immediately to one  
Tompson that dwelt hard by on the Beach, and acquainting  
him with this strange adventure desired his Aid, and that  
he would bring Ropes and Handspikes with him, and what  
other help he could procure. But there being none at that  
time at home but himself and his wife, they could not get  
any other assistance; However they two went down with  
him to the place, where the Man and his Wife were both  
almost astonisht at the sight of this strange Monster, and the  
Woman especially so far frightened that she would by no  
means permit her Husband should go neer or meddle with  
it, yet Steward the first discoverer, boldly adventured to  
ride up pretty near it, and at last to touch it with a Rope,  
and found it made no resistance, but lay stranded on the  
Ground, and wanted water to carry it off. Upon this  
Tompson and his Wife, seeing it so peaceable and inoffen-  
sive, grew courageous and came neer to assist the other  
man, and by their joynt Labour they got their Ropes  
so about it as they tumbled it over and were able to  
Hale it further on shore; during all which time it made  
no resistance, but when they went to lay hold on the  
Horns, they found thereon Shells like Cyrenets with  
Teeth within them which got hold of their hands and  
fingers, so that they were glad to let them go. And  
the Night coming on, they were forced for that time  
to leave it, having dragg'd it quite upon dry Land. Early  
next morning they return with more Company, whom  
the noise of this rare Accident soon drew together. But

at their coming find the Monster quite dead, and now had time to view, and not without wonder, consider it's wonderful and prodigious shape, which they found as follows.

The Length of this Sea-wonder, Horns and all, was full Nineteen foot, and in Bulk or Bigness of Body somewhat larger then a Horse. It had two heads, the largest of which joyning immediately to the Body, had no perfect distinct shape; but like a vast lump, wherein nothing plainly appeared but two Eyes of an Oval form and of Extraordinary Bigness, this great head carried the Horns, ten in number, of which the two longest were situated in the middle, and were smooth; the other eight, *Viz.* Four on each side were all wreathed or crooked, and upon them there grew curious Shells (as it were) of the bigness of a large Clock Button, but in form and shape like Crowns or Coronets, two and two together and over against each other, to the number of one hundred in all on each Horn; on the top of every one of these Buttons or Coronets, was the resemblance of a pearl, which was to open and shut as a little Mouth, and had within it a row of Teeth, so that it should seem (beside the mouth of the little Head which we shall describe by and by) this Monster received nourishment for its Body at eight hundred several places, for to that number or thereabouts did the Crowns on all the eight Horns amount: Besides, it had a natural power to contract or draw in these Horns into it's Head, (as a Snail does) and extend them again at pleasure. But when it was dead they all stood out at their full length, some of them being eight or ten foot long, and the two longest which were of equal size and length eleven foot.



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Between these two smooth longest Horns, and in the middle of all the rest, grew up from the great head, the little or smaller head, at about three or four foot distance; this was in shape much like the head of a Hawk, looking upward, and had a strange mouth, and two tongues in it, and here too, no doubt it did take in much of its nourishment.

The Body itself, besides the Horns, was about eight or nine foot long, it was altogether smooth without Scales, Fins, or Legs, and all over of a flesh-colour, save only a large fleshy skin like a mantle, which was fast to the back, but hung down loose on both sides with a fringe round at bottom, and this was of bright red on the out-side, and perfect white within: This mantle was generally supposed to be its chief support in swimming, for it had not one bone in or about, nor any tail, but towards the lower end it grew sharp like a wedge.

In brief, every thing in the said Monster was wonderful; the Liver being taken out, is credibly reported to have weighed thirty pounds: for experiment the people boiled some of the flesh, but the longer it boiled, the harder it became; it gave a very good scent as it boiled, and seemed fat, but in boiling the fat hardened, and no Creature (though several at divers times were tried) would eat a bit of it, or so much as taste of it.

A true Draught of this rare Animal, together with one of its heads, and two of its Horns, was carried to Dublin, the 16 of December last; and presented to several persons of Honour, since which time there is leave granted by Authority for the publique shewing thereof, both in Dublin, and other places.

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